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SUBJECT
BREAK BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS AND
PRESIDENT PAZ

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1. ON 29 OCTOBER 64 RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUNO, VICE PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA SAID HE "DEFINITELY BROKE" WITH VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO. ALTHOUGH BARRIENTOS WAS THINKING OF LEAVING THE COUNTRY, HE SAID HE IS GOING TO STAY IN BOLIVIA "TO DIRECT THE FALL OF PAZ." ACCORDING TO BARRIENTOS, PAZ IS GOING TO FALL, "THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR HIM." BARRIENTOS SAID THAT HE FEARED THE COMMUNIST MAY TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE BREAK BETWEEN HIM AND PAZ, AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD REMAIN "QUIET" FOR A WHILE IN ORDER THAT IT NOT APPEAR THAT HE WAS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNISTS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST PAZ.

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2. BARRIENTOS SAID THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH PAZ ON 28 OCTOBER, PAZ REQUESTED THAT HE, BARRIENTOS, BE BY HIS SIDE DURING THE PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 29 OCTOBER. BARRIENTOS SAID HE REFUSED, BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO APPEAR AS ONE OF PAZ' "SERVANTS." BARRIENTOS SAID THAT HE TOLD PAZ THAT THE COMMUNISTS MUST BE DESTROYED ONCE AND FOR ALL. HE SUGGESTED THAT PAZ GO TO ORURO TO SPEAK TO THE MINERS, ASKING THEM TO RETURN TO WORK IN PEACE AND IGNORE THE COMMUNIST AGITATORS THERE. HOWEVER, PAZ REFUSED.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ABOVE REMARKS WERE MADE BY BARRIENTOS PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCED BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON 29 OCTOBER.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR CINCSO.

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